

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

EWG Jr. – Sr. High School, 930 Nooseneck Hill Rd., West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Vice Chair Rafanelli, 6:00 PM

Board members present: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande, (left the meeting at 7:51 PM); Theresa Donovan

Board members absent: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Lee Kissinger

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, Student Representative Abigail Borges (left meeting at 6:33 PM)

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

IV. Recognitions/Achievements

A. 2014 Artistic Discovery Art Competition – Award Recipients

1. Eleni G. – 1st Place State of RI

2. Emily B.

3. Rachel B.

B. Senator Reed's 2014 High School Arts Competition – Award Recipient

1. Eleni G. – “Reed staff pick”

C. 2014 Wildlife Forever, State-Fish Contest – Award Recipients

1. Emily K. = 1st Place State of RI, Grades 10-12

2. Lea F. – 1st Place State of RI, Grades 7-9

D. Unified Basketball Team/Coaches

V. Presentations

A. Student Representative Report

Abigail Borges offered a summary of past/future Senior High School activities/events. She reported Student Council has drafted a new technology policy to update the old one that is in the student handbook. The new policy includes personal technology use and has been reviewed by the School Improvement Team.

B. Emily Simonini – District Video Presentation

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

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Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (6:33 PM)

C. Special Education/Lineham School Presentation

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

Members Donovan and Pande requested to pull consent agenda item, VI. A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2014 and stated that since they were not in attendance at the April 22 meeting, they would abstain from approving the minutes.

The committee agreed to table the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2014 to the next regular meeting agenda.

Member McFadden requested to pull consent agenda item, VI. B. 5. a. Recall of Teacher Non-Renewal – CORRECTED – Additional Recalls-May 27, 2014

VI. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2014; Executive Session Minutes of May 13, 2014

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. Letter from Diana Rotelli resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Grade-1 Teacher, for the purpose of Retirement, effective at the conclusion of the current school year, on or about June 20, 2014**

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls

- a. *Item Pulled***

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contract(s)

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$274,051.52

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda with the exception of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2014 and the Recall List –Zuercher/Pande – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) May 13, 2014 RI Middle Level Educators (RIMLE) Communication regarding EWG Jr. High's recognition as a NELMS (New England League of Middle Schools) Spotlight School/Spotlight School Agreement between NELMS and EWG Jr. High-May 13, 2014-2017; (2) May 27, 2014 Memo from Robert Ross regarding Food Service Management Company Update-Bid

**# 14-15-01; (3) May 27, 2014 Memo from Robert Ross regarding
District Emergency Response Planning Team Update**

In response to Mr. Ross' account regarding Correspondence (2), Clerk Zuercher and Member McFadden, (Food Service liaisons) agreed to receive specifications and details regarding the food service management bid through electronic communications.

F. 2014 – 2015 Budget

VII. New Business

A. Approval Workers' Comp Bid Recommendation

MSV – To award the Workers' Compensation Insurance bid to Starkweather & Shepley, Beacon Mutual Insurance Company – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Approve Building Controls Bid Recommendation

MSV – To award the District Auditing Services to Automatic Temperature Controls, Inc. – Pande/Zuercher – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion

**1. 8615 – Student Work and Working Papers – 2nd
Reading/Adoption**

MSV – To adopt Policy 8615 – Zuercher/Pande – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

2. 3305 – Fund Balance – 2nd Reading/Adoption

MSV – To adopt Policy 3305 – Zuercher/Pande – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

IX. Reports/Comments

X. Important Dates and Meetings – Thursday, May 29, 2014-Honors Night; Wednesday, June 11, 2014 – School Committee Meeting; Saturday, June 14, 2014-Sr. High School Graduation; Friday, June 20, 2014-Jr. High School Moving-Up Ceremony; Tuesday, June 24, 2014-School Committee Meeting

Returned to item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda by Member McFadden

Superintendent Erinakes responded to Member McFadden's inquiry about the CORRECTED Recall List

MSV –To approve the recall list – Pande/Zuercher – and voted (4-1) as follows:

Rafanelli	AYE
Zuercher	AYE
Pande	AYE
Donovan	AYE
McFadden	NAY

The following was approved:

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5. Recalls – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

**a. Please see attached – *CORRECTED May 27, 2014*
*Additional Recalls***

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:51 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – Zuercher/McFadden – and voted as follows:

Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Paul McFadden	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

Member Pande left the meeting, (7:51 PM)

XI. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5

- A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)**
- B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice**
- C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel**
- D. 42-46-5 (a)(3) – Security**

XII. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

XIII. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Donovan/Zuercher 8:05 – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**

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